(c) whether the National Commission on Macroeconomics and Health (2005) has estimated that almost 50 per cent of graduates from AIIMS have migrated overseas; and

(d) whether Government would mandate every passing out medical graduate to serve a fixed period in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (d) It is a fact that the National Commission on Macroeconomics and Health (2005) in its report has indicated that 50 percent of students AIIMS have migrated-both external (from India to other countries) and internal (from the public sector).

Revision and updation of medical curriculum to meet the changing public health needs of the country is an ongoing process. While specific data is not centrally maintained, adequate number of doctors are not available in the rural areas *vis a vis* urban areas. In order to tackle this problem, the Government constituted a Task Force on Medical Education for the National Rural Health Mission under the Chairmanship of Ex-Union Health Secretary. The task force has since submitted its report, which is under examination.

Understanding with insurance companies

1870. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that public sector insurance companies and hospitals have come to an understanding on pricing of health care services for which insurance covers are being provided; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (b) There is no understanding between the public sector insurance companies and the hospitals on pricing of health care services for which insurance covers are being provided.

Increasing medical seats

1871. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments have a proposal to increase MBBS/BDS seats